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Subject: drug lab stats
Attach: amh bos drug lab 2010 by month analyzed.xls

Grace:

I figured out what was wrong in the original analysis:

- 1) I was using date submitted instead of date analyzed. These numbers (based on date analyzed) correlate pretty well with the figures posted on the website (and what we recall from OT use last yr). And they match up well with maternity leaves.
- 2) I had looked only at the chem1 field. For Boston, there is also a chem2 field. Some people are more often chem2 than chem1.

Julie:

Are Boston samples more complicated/time-consuming than Amherst samples?

What is the difference between chem1 and chem2? Is one more time-consuming or technical? Why does Amherst not have chem2?

The attached spreadsheet has the overall specimens analyzed (by month and by lab) and submitted by month. There is also a worksheet with frequency with which each technician is associated with analysis of a specimen collected at Amherst (NAME + A), and frequency with which each technician is the 2nd chemist (NAME + 2).

The ultimate question is: will cuts to amherst or boston result in the least impact on productivity, backlog, etc??

Thanks,
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